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SUBJECT: Inquiries for petition under 37 CFR 1.378

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Dear Sir,

Attached herewith, please refer to a mail dated on Jan.25,2010 which was delivered to us from USPTO recently.

As USPTO mentioned therein, we agree that <u>our patent (No.6332326)</u> was unintentionally expired due to our delay in payment of maintenance fee.

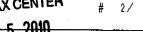
Therefore, as we wish to take steps for reinstating aforesaid patent as soon as possible, your kind advise on the following questionnaires would be highly appreciated (if possible, <u>please reply to our e-mail address; ssk@himssen.com</u>);

- 1. Whether we should pay maintenance fee, delay surcharge and petition fee prior to filing a petition under 37 CFR 1.378,
  - If not, please advise the entire procedures and required documents.
- 2. HOW MUCH SHOULD WE PAY THE RESPECTIVE AMOUNT OF MAINTENANCE FEE (FOR A PERIOD OF 3.5 YEARS), SURCHARGE AND PETITION FEE (FOR YOUR REFERENCE, WE ARE BELONGED TO A SMALL ENTITY)?
- AS an unregistered e-filer of EFS-Web, how can we submit a petition to accept unintentionally delayed payment of Maintenance Fee in an expired patent(37 CFR 1.378 ( c ))
  - We tried to use e-petition on EFS-Web, but failed due to an error in filling out the
    required form of SB66 (especially, the system do not recognize our signature).
     Is it impossible for us to us e-petition until we register our signature? Then how long will
    it take to complete registering our signature?
- 4. For faster and more convenient correspondence, please <u>advise the name of the person</u> <u>in charge, e-mail address and other transmission numbers</u>.

Thanking for your kind cooperation, in advance,

Sincerely yours.

Shang Kooun'Shim / CEO of Himssen Esco Co.,Ltd.





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## NOTICE OF PATENT EXPIRATION

According to the records of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), payment of the maintenance fcc for the patent(s) listed below has not been received timely prior to the end of the six-month grace period in accordance with 37 CFR 1.362(e). THE PATENT(S) LISTED BELOW HAS THEREFORE EXPIRED AS OF THE END OF THE GRACE PERIOD. 35 U.S.C. 41(b). Notice of the expiration will be published in the USPTO Official Gazette.

Expired patents may be reinstated in accordance with 37 CFR 1.378 if upon petition, the maintenance fee and the surcharge set forth in 37 CFR 1.20(i) are paid, AND the delay in payment of the maintenance fee is shown to the satisfaction of the Director to have been unavoidable or unintentional. 35 U.S.C. 41(c)(1).

If the Director accepts payment of the maintenance fee and surcharge upon petition under 37 CFR 1.378, the patent shall be considered as not having expired but would be subject to the intervening rights and conditions set forth in 35 U.S.C. 41(c)(2).

For instructions on filing a petition under 37 CFR 1.378 to reinstate an expired patent, customers should call the Office of Petitions Help Desk at 571-272-3282 or refer to the USPTO Web site at www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/dapp/petitionspractice.html. The USPTO also permits reinstatement under 37 CFR 1.378(c) by electronic petition (e-petition) using EFS-Web; e-petitions may be automatically granted if all the eligibility requirements are met. For further information on filing an e-petition, please call the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free) or 571-272-4100 or refer to the EBC's e-petition guide at www.uspto.gov/ebc/portal/efs/petition\_quickstart.pdf.

PATENT NUMBER	U.S. APPLICATION NUMBER	PATENT ISSUE DATE	APPLICATION FILING DATE	EXPIRATION DATE	ATTORNEY DOCKET NUMBER
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